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Immigration and Naturalization Service



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File:

EAC-99-200-52134

Office:

Vermont Service Center

Date:

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Petition:

IN RE: Petitioner:

Beneficiary:

Petition for Special Immigrant Religious Worker Pursuant to Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and

Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER:





## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information which you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

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FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER. **EXAMINATIONS** 



Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center. The matter is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner is a church. It seeks classification of the beneficiary as a special immigrant religious worker pursuant to section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4), to serve as a minister. The director denied the petition determining that the petitioner had failed to establish that the beneficiary had two years of continuous religious work experience or that the prospective occupation is a religious occupation. The director also found that the petitioner had failed to establish its ability to pay the proffered wage.

On appeal, filed August 17, 2000, counsel stated that the beneficiary does qualify for the benefit sought. He indicated that he would submit evidence in support of the petition within 30 days. As of this date, over three months later, no additional documents have been submitted by counsel. As stated in 8 C.F.R. 103.3(a)(1)(v), any appeal which is filed that fails to state the reason for appeal, or is patently frivolous, will be summarily dismissed. The petitioner has failed to address the reasons stated for denial and has not provided any additional evidence on appeal. The appeal must therefore be summarily dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.